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Confirmation No. 9696

For: COMPOSITE CONSTRUCTION CONTAINING BARRIER LAYER

REPLY

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This letter is submitted in reply to the Communication mailed from the Patent Office on August 16, 2005. A shortened statutory period for reply was set for three months from the mailing date of the Communication. Thus, this reply is timely filed.

Favorable reconsideration of the rejection of the claims is respectfully requested in view of the Remarks beginning on page 4. No amendment has been made to the claims which are reproduced beginning on page 2.